

Three, Two, One ... Fremont is Set to Launch 'Vision Zero'

A Plan to Improve Traffic Safety and Reduce Traffic Fatalities to Zero

In September 2015, the City Council approved "Vision Zero" as the City's traffic safety policy with the bold direction to eliminate traffic fatalities, reduce injury crashes, and improve safety for all modes of travel. The Vision Zero concept, started by Sweden in 1997, was subsequently adopted by many European countries and is credited with reducing traffic fatalities by over 50 percent in the past decade. The core principle of Vision Zero is making traffic safety the highest priority for the design and operations of the transportation

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Upcoming Traffic Safety Campaigns

- April:** National Distracted Driving Month
- May:** National Bicycle Safety Month
- May:** Click It or Ticket Mobilization Period



Voter Approved Funds Improving Accessibility on City Roadways

Intersection Upgrades Made Possible by Measure B, BB and Vehicle Registration Fees

Construction is currently underway to install new pedestrian curb ramps at a number of street intersections throughout the city. This project is made possible through Measure B, BB and Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF Measure F), which are

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Affordable housing is a global issue for cities in both developing and advanced economies. 330 million urban households around the world currently lack decent housing or are so financially stretched by housing costs that they forgo other basic needs (McKinsey Global Institute). The greatest wave of urbanization is happening now, and while it means we're headed toward growth and development, it can also result in some serious challenges.

As an attractive region for job seekers, the Bay Area is no different when it comes to affordable housing issues. As a location becomes more desirable, demand for housing increases. If the supply of new homes doesn't keep up with this demand, prices can increase sharply. In Silicon Valley alone, data suggests that there is currently a shortage of nearly 25,000 housing units (2016 Silicon Valley Index). This imbalance has resulted in the high housing prices we are experiencing today (California's High Housing Costs: Causes and Consequences, Legislative Analyst's Office, 2016).

A lack of affordable housing also results in longer commutes and increased traffic congestion, diminished productivity, reduced personal time, and a homelessness problem of epic proportions. The ability to provide quality affordable housing for people in global cities is a constant and pressing challenge. While we still have a ways to go before we meet our goals, the City of Fremont is committed to making a strong effort toward expanding our supply of affordable housing. The proof is in our latest and upcoming projects:

- Laguna Commons is a **65-unit affordable project** that has reserved almost half of its units for military veterans. It's currently under construction in Irvington and scheduled for occupancy later this summer.
- Lennar Homes and Toll Brothers have committed to building more than **400 units of affordable rental housing** near the new Warm Springs/South Fremont BART station.
- Central Commons is a **30-unit affordable project** spearheaded by Habitat for Humanity that seeks to provide low-income home ownership opportunities. Construction is scheduled for later this year. It's on Central Avenue next door to the fire station in Centerville.
- Parc 55 is a **90-unit affordable project** for senior housing on Mission Falls Court which is in the Warm Springs area. Construction is scheduled for late 2016/early 2017.
- Stevenson Family Apartments is an **80-unit affordable project** on Stevenson Place near Stevenson and Mission boulevards in Central Fremont. Construction is scheduled for early 2017.

Fred Diaz, City Manager

Community Survey

The City has once again contracted with research firm FM3 to conduct random telephone outreach for our annual survey of Fremont residents. Similar to what we did in 2013, this community survey will help us to gain a better idea of how residents feel about Fremont, the various City services we provide, as well as other priorities. For those residents who have participated in the telephone survey, we thank you for your time! The survey results, which will be released early Spring, will help us continue to re-evaluate our organization and improve our city for you! The results of the last two community surveys are on the City website at www.Fremont.gov/CommunitySurvey.

City Budget Hearings

Mark your calendar! The City's proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, will be presented to the City Council at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 17 at 7 p.m. The first public hearing to comment is June 7 and the second hearing and adoption is June 14. Both public hearings are part of the Council meeting and begin at 7 p.m.

City of Fremont

The City Council meets the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave.

Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27 or webcast online at Fremont.gov/Webcasts.

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'Vision Zero'

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system. It views traffic deaths as preventable and unacceptable. It recognizes that human errors happen, but the consequence of a mistake shouldn't be the loss of a life. In the past two years, several American cities have endorsed the Vision Zero concept, including New York City, San Francisco, Seattle, San Jose, and now Fremont is an "early adopter" among U.S. cities.

City staff is completing a "City Vision Zero 2020" status report and action plan for release in March that seeks to significantly improve traffic safety by 2020 through a collaboration involving engineers, law enforcement officials, educators, vehicle manufacturers, policy makers, and the community. The report will include an in-depth analysis of Fremont traffic crashes, key issues and "hot spot" locations, and will identify a data driven strategy for improving safety. The

action plan will focus on the three topics of safer streets, safer people, and safer vehicles.

Rigorous data reporting and evaluation is a key element of the Vision Zero approach. On Fremont streets in 2015, there were 37 traffic crashes, killing eight and severely injuring 31. All of the fatalities occurred on streets with speed limits at 40 MPH or higher. The time period with the greatest frequency of severe crashes and fatalities was between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. and the highest number of

fatal crashes involve persons over the age of 50. Compared to most cities, Fremont has a relatively good traffic safety record with respect to traffic fatalities per capita. However, the goal isn't to be number one — the vision is to get to zero.

For more information about traffic safety educational materials, follow the City and Fremont Police Department on social media at www.Fremont.gov/SocialMedia.

Community Camera System in the Works

The Fremont Police Department is nearing its goal of implementing a community camera system to assist in investigating crimes and creating a safer environment for those who live, work, and visit the city. The program was approved by the City Council and we have recently contracted with a vendor on the project.

The Fremont Police Department began the testing phase in March. During this phase, we placed a video camera and an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera on westbound Stevenson Boulevard near the on-ramp to northbound Interstate 880. After configuration is complete at this site, it will then become permanent.

We are hoping to fully implement the program by this spring and when finished, we will have cameras at 10 various exit point locations throughout the City. We believe this will provide us with the best opportunity to identify and, eventually, capture offenders committing crimes in Fremont.

For updates on this project, visit www.FremontPolice.org.

2016 State of the City Address

Fremont's Mayor will be presenting the annual State of the City Address on Thursday, March 24, at a luncheon hosted by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce at the Fremont Marriott. The State of the City Address will be rebroadcasted on Cable TV Channel 27, and posted to the City website by the end of the following week. For more info, call 510-284-4000 or visit www.Fremont.gov/StateoftheCity.

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Our Community



Fremont's 60th Anniversary was a Huge Success

On Saturday, January 23, the City of Fremont celebrated its 60th year since incorporating as a city. The celebration took place at the intersection of State Street and Capitol Avenue and included speeches from City officials, a former Fremont mayor, and a youth advisory commissioner, as well as presentations from federal, state, and county representatives.

The formal ceremony concluded with the City Council installing a time capsule that will be revealed at the City's 100th Anniversary in 2056. Following the installation, a community picnic was held with food trucks and entertainment by American Eagles Marching Band from American High School, Dixie Dominus Traditional Jazz Band of Fremont Christian School, and Yoko's Dance and Performing Arts Academy. Despite scattered showers, Fremont's 60th Anniversary was a bright celebration of the community's history, accomplishments, and successes to come.

Compassionate City

Fremont Adopts Compassionate City Charter and is Designated a Compassionate City

On January 12, the City Council approved the Fremont Compassionate City Charter and officially designated Fremont as a Compassionate City. Across the United States, as well as the rest of the world, communities have committed themselves to the universal "golden rule," to treat others as you would like to be treated.

Over the past year, a group of local Fremont residents, members of Tri-City Interfaith Council, the Human Relations Commission and others worked together on this endeavor. We're thankful for everyone's efforts to make compassion a driving force with a measurable impact on community life and the well-being of community members.

The City of Fremont knows that compassion is an essential ingredient in building and maintaining thriving, healthy, resilient, and innovative enterprises, institutions, and communities, which is why the City and its residents have chosen to adopt and craft a charter unique to Fremont. For additional information on the Charter for Compassion, visit www.Fremont.gov/CompassionateCity.



Tri-City Taxi Voucher Program

The Tri-City Taxi Voucher Program provides subsidized taxi rides within the local area. Enrolled participants can purchase taxi vouchers at a cost of \$4 per voucher. Who is eligible to participate? Fremont, Newark, or Union City residents who are either:

- 80 years of age or older OR
- Unable to use public transit (AC Transit buses and BART) because of a disability

This program is funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission through Measure B funds.

For more information on this program or other transportation services, contact the City's Pamela Gutierrez at

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Improving City Roadways

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voter approved funds dedicated to transportation projects in Alameda County.

Measure B is the proceeds of a half-cent sales tax, and Measure BB augments and extends the existing Measure B by an additional half-cent to April 1, 2045. In 2010, Measure F was approved by voters and the City receives proceeds from a fee on each annual motor vehicle registration or renewal in Alameda County. Fifteen percent of the Measure BB funds allocated to local streets and roads are dedicated to pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

The new curb ramps will provide better access at street intersections for all residents who live in the community. Many of the ramps being installed are located at intersections along major residential streets including Parkside Dr., Grand Lake Dr., Nicolet Ave., Farwell Dr., Rancho Arroyo Pkwy., Butano Park Dr., and Fernald Dr. This \$1.3 million project is one part of a larger plan to create safer and more enjoyable travel alternatives on Fremont roadways.



Artist's rendering of affordable senior housing at Parc 55

New Senior Community Housing on the Way

On February 16, the City Council approved a General Plan Amendment to allow for development of the Parc 55 senior community. It will be established where the business park on Mission Falls Court in Warm Springs is currently located. The approval allows for construction of 497 age-restricted housing units, including 89 affordable senior units to be developed by Eden Housing in the early phases of the project. As part of the development, a new senior community center to be owned and operated by the City will also be constructed. We anticipate Fremont's second senior center to be opened in 2020.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Ending Soon

The Fremont Family Resource Center's (FRC) free tax preparation service began on January 27 and will be ending on April 16!

Since 2002, the FRC has helped more than 19,000 families receive over \$29 million in refunds! Our VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program provides free quality tax preparation and e-filing services for qualified individuals and families with an annual household income of \$54,000 or less.

If we can help your clients, family, and/or friends save money, please tell them about our free tax services that are available at four separate locations.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE: LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE

Fremont Family Resource Center, Fremont
(Walk-in only)
39155 Liberty St., Suite A110

January 27 to April 15
Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursdays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New Haven Adult School, Union City
(Walk-in and Self-prep)
600 G St.

January 30 to April 16
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tri-City Volunteers, Fremont
(Appointment only)
37350 Joseph St.

February 1 to April 11
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tri-Cities One-Stop Career Center, Ohlone Campus, Newark
(Appointment only)
39399 Cherry St., Rm. 1211

February 2 to April 12
Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about VITA, please contact SparkPoint Fremont at 510-574-2020, or visit www.Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC.

Our Community

Fremont Bicycle Master Plan Update

Fremont is currently in the process of updating its Bicycle Master Plan. The City's Bicycle Master Plan serves as a guide for the implementation of the policies and goals of the General Plan. The plan update will identify ways to enhance and expand the existing bikeway network, such as the installation of new green bike lanes, buffered/separated bike lanes, and trail opportunities. Thanks to community input, the plan update will also identify needs and challenging areas in order to upgrade or construct new, safe, and efficient bicycle facilities, and to encourage and increase bicycle ridership.

The City would like the community to share its thoughts on bicycling in Fremont, and what is working and what is not. Beginning April 2016, you can go online to provide input on existing and desired bikeways and difficult roadway segments and/or intersections by utilizing a user-friendly interactive mapping tool. Just go to www.fremont.gov/BikePlanUpdate2017 to view the plan.

For more information about the Bicycle Master Plan Update project and to receive a schedule of upcoming public meetings, contact the City's Rene Dalton at rdalton@fremont.gov or 510-494-4535. The Bicycle Master Plan update project is funded by Measure B and Measure BB sales tax dollars.

Fremont's Commitment to 50-50 Street Tree Program

Do you have a hazardous or dying street tree? The City of Fremont wants to help property owners care for their street trees. This includes HOA's, single family residential and commercial property owners. That's why the City Council authorized \$100,000 for the 50-50 Street Tree Program.

Healthy street trees beautify our entire city and are typically located between the curb and sidewalk. The 50-50 Street Tree Program provides the opportunity for the City to partner with property owners to help remove and replace permitted trees.

For many years, the City maintained street trees on behalf of property owners. In 2010, due to significant budget and staffing cuts, the responsibility for maintaining street trees was returned to property owners.

All Fremont property owners with an approved free Street Tree Removal Permit are eligible for the 50-50 Street Tree Program. Funds will be available for a limited time only, so don't delay! Reimbursement covers 50 percent of the cost for street tree removal and replacement up to a maximum contribution of \$750 per tree and up to two trees per property. All tree work must be completed by a City approved tree contractor. The property owner will

receive their reimbursement after completion of the work and submission of proof of payment.

Please note that the 50-50 Street Tree Program does not include tree pruning, maintenance activities, or trees removed and replaced as part of development applications or building permits.

Interested in participating?

Get information about requirements and fill out a free tree permit at www.fremont.gov/Trees.

For additional information, contact treepermits@fremont.gov or call 510-494-4730.



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ENERGY PRIZE

A Year into the \$5M Georgetown Prize: How Are We Doing?

Fremont is one of 50 cities across the nation vying for the opportunity to win a \$5 million grant from Georgetown University. The Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP), which began on January 1, 2015, is a two-year long competition for small- to medium-sized communities to develop innovative, replicable, and scalable models of reducing energy consumption in the residential, municipal, and public school sectors. The City that does the best job at reducing per capita energy usage by December 31, 2016 will be awarded with a \$5 million prize to put toward future community energy programs. With one year already passed, here's how we're doing. So far, Fremont has reduced its overall energy consumption by over 12 percent from a 2013 baseline year! This is due to energy efficiency projects as well as renewable energy installations.

Year	Electricity (kWh)	Natural Gas (therms)	Total (kBtu's)
2013	444,515,461	30,101,843	4,526,871,048
2014	428,844,424	23,757,730	3,838,990,214
2015	423,134,069	24,954,297	3,939,163,109

This places us at a ranking of 19th among the 50 cities involved in the competition. Visit www.guep.org for details. If Fremont places within the top 10 by the end of 2016, we will have the opportunity to report on our community activities to demonstrate why we should win the prize. With one year to go, the tips at right show ways you can help us win the \$5 million prize.



Get Paid to Save

Reduce your energy usage during peak events to save on your energy bill and earn points that you can donate to local causes —

www.OhmConnect.com/Fremont.



Analyze Your Usage

Dig deeper into your household energy habits — www.HomeEnergyAnalyzer.org — and check out a Kill-A-Watt™ meter from the library to analyze specific household appliances.



Take the Fremont Green Challenge

Dig deeper into your household's carbon footprint and commit to actions that will reduce your environmental impact and help you save money —

www.Fremont.gov/GreenChallenge.



Upgrade Your Home

Complete a Home Upgrade or an Advanced Home Upgrade with Energy Upgrade CA™ and receive up to \$6,500 in incentives —

www.BayAreaEnergyUpgrade.org.



Go Solar

Discover your solar potential by getting an instant solar estimate from the independent SmartSolar Marketplace —

www.EnergySage.com/SmartSolar.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Fremont will be updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify the City's natural, environmental, and man-made hazards, as well as assess what critical facilities are vulnerable to those hazards. This information will help develop a risk assessment and mitigation plan to reduce future damages in the case of a disaster.

The City is soliciting community input regarding what natural and man-made hazards face our city as well as opinions regarding methods for reducing these risks and any losses associated with these hazards. Visit Fremont Open City Hall, our online forum for civic engagement, to share your thoughts at www.Fremont.gov/OpenCityHallLHMP. The complete plan will be presented to the Fremont City Council for their formal consideration at a future date. For additional information or questions, contact Management Analyst Jackson Hite at jhite@fremont.gov or 510-284-4016.

Our Community

Artist Katy Boynton Shares Her Vision for 'Heartfulness'

There's a good chance you've noticed Fremont's temporary art installation in Downtown. "Heartfulness" was first unveiled at the Capitol Avenue Grand Opening event in October 2015, located on the Corner of Capitol Avenue and Fremont Boulevard and is on loan to the City until August 2016.

To provide insight into the story behind this spectacular sculpture, artist Katy Boynton shared a few words on her "Heartfulness" piece. "I'm so honored to have it here in Fremont. Fremont is a vibrant city filled with many cultures, industries and has a rich history. I fully appreciate the parallels between the story of my heart and the City's endeavors to create a Downtown," said Katy. "I hope it brings a smile to all who see it and, with any luck, will inspire others to think big, think outside the box, and keep working towards their dreams, no matter how long it takes."

Recently, Katy's work was the subject of a documentary film



capturing travels of "the heart" to Black Rock City, the Life is Beautiful music festival in Las Vegas, Ghost Ship and Sunset parties on Treasure Island, and Bottle Rock music festival and the V Winery in Napa. Now, Fremont is lucky enough to have "Heartfulness" temporarily signify the Downtown as the social heart of our City.

To learn more about the vision behind "Heartfulness" and what this art piece means to Fremont, please visit www.Fremont.gov/Heartfulness.



Kids 'n Kites & Aqua Adventure Splash

The City of Fremont Recreation Services Division is holding its annual **Kids 'n Kites Festival on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The festival, presented by Dale Hardware and Washington Township Medical Foundation, is located within Central Park, next to Aqua Adventure Waterpark. The event is free to the public and includes free kites for the first 3,000 children who attend. There will be live entertainment on the main stage, interactive booths with information on summer activities, a play area for the kids, food, and more. The festival has something fun for everyone to enjoy! On the same day, **Aqua Adventure will offer a pre-season Splash** (weather permitting) from **2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**, with a special one-time entrance price of \$6 per person, along with concessions specials. Festival-goers can also make their way next door and get a look at Fremont's Aqua Adventure Waterpark. For more information on these events, call 510-494-4300 or visit www.Fremont.gov/KiteFestival and www.GoAquaAdventure.com.

Learn about Cohousing at April 8 Event

Cohousing is an approach to community design that involves clustering private homes around shared space. Households are independent but neighbors collaboratively plan and manage community activities and shared spaces. Benefits include close-knit neighborhoods and reduced isolation for seniors.

On Friday, April 8 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Fukaya Room at the Fremont Main Library, the City and Mission Peak Cohousing will co-sponsor an informational session featuring noted cohousing architects Kathryn McCamant and Charles Durrett. For more information, contact Deputy Director Dan Schoenholz at dschoenholz@fremont.gov or 510-494-4438.



Hopkins Junior High Science Bowl Team Headed to Nationals

U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz announced that a team of middle school students from Hopkins Junior High School in Fremont won the regional competition for the 2016 National Science Bowl® (NSB) held on January 23 to 24. The team will now advance to compete at the National Finals in Washington, D.C., in April. Congratulations, students!



Warm Springs Elementary Breaks Ground on New Classroom Building

Ground was officially broken for a new 12-classroom building on the Warm Springs Elementary School campus on January 25. Officials representing the school, FUSD, and the City of Fremont, donned helmets and grabbed shovels for the ceremony, which featured student performances and recognition of all the architects and contractors involved in the project. The new building is funded by Measure E — a voter-approved \$650-million Bond project passed in June 2014 and is scheduled to be ready by the start of the 2016-17 school year.

Thornton Art Students Paint Utility Box on Central Avenue

In January, art students at Thornton Junior High School showed off their skills by painting a large utility box located at Central Avenue and Dusterberry Way. As part of the City's **boxART!** program, the team's artwork was proposed to the Art Review Board and approved. The school's parent-teacher association (PTA) sponsored the artwork.



2016 Spelling Bee Champions

FUSD crowned another batch of champions at its 2016 District Spelling Bee on January 29 at Weibel Elementary School. The top six spellers were:

- 1st Aaryan Shah, 6th-Grade, Warm Springs Elementary
- 2nd Abinayaa Murugupandiyar, 6th-Grade, Ardenwood Elementary
- 3rd Danielle Barrido, 6th-Grade, Glenmoor Elementary
- 4th Megha Govindu, 6th-Grade, Forest Park Elementary
- 5th Sanmeet Lohokare, 5th-Grade, Brookvale Elementary
- 6th Emily Lung, 6th-Grade, Ardenwood Elementary

All six students also represented FUSD at the Alameda County Spelling Bee on March 12.

For results visit www.fremont.k12.ca.us.

Holiday Food and Toy Drive Attracts Special Guests

Durham Elementary third-graders, who coordinated their school's Holiday Food and Toy Drive, were treated to a special visit by the Fremont Fire Department on December 17. After reading about the Department's annual drive in a local newspaper, third-grade students decided as a group to spearhead efforts at their school. Members of the Fire Department arrived at Durham to pick up the donations, talk to students about life as a firefighter, and give them a fun tour of the fire engine.





Go Green with Your Spring Cleaning!

While spring cleaning is great for making more room, a lot of waste is generated in the process.

Here are some helpful tips to divert usable materials from landfills:

- Reduce your garbage by recycling and composting. Learn more about what is recyclable vs. compostable by calling 510-494-4570 or visit www.Fremont.gov/RecyclableCompostable.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) such as cleaning products, automotive fluids, and sharps in approved sharps containers for free at the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facility located at 41149 Boyce Rd. in Fremont. Facility hours and instructions can be found by calling 800-606-6606 or online at www.Fremont.gov/hhw.
- Donate your unwanted clothes, items, and/or furniture to a local thrift store.
- Single family residents are allotted two free bulky pick-ups each calendar year. Call Republic Services at 510-657-3500 to schedule your free bulky pick-up today.
- Host a garage sale or organize a block-wide garage sale event with your neighbors.
- Dispose of expired or unused medications for free at various locations throughout the Tri-City area. More information can be found by calling Union Sanitary District at 510-477-7621 or online at www.UnionSanitary.com/SafeMedicineDisposal.htm.
- Use Bay-friendly native plants if you are replacing your garden plants. Check out the Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines at www.BayfriendlyCoalition.org.
- Get creative! Find ways to reuse or repurpose items to give them a second life. For example, reuse empty bottles and jars to organize and store other things such as pens or pasta. Or turn your old keys into a wind chime. The possibilities are endless!



Compost Giveaway

Thank you Fremont residents for feeding your green organics cart each week with food scraps and yard waste. Now you can feed the plants in your garden with quality compost that was made from your yard trimmings and food scraps. Pick up two FREE bags of compost on **Sunday, April 3, from 8 a.m. to noon** or while supplies last at the Fremont

Recycling and Transfer Station located at 41149 Boyce Rd. The event will be held rain or shine.

Bring your current Republic Services garbage bill to show that your household participates in the City's curbside organics program. Carefully follow the signs and watch for the traffic controls that will direct you to the loading area where crews will place the compost into your vehicle. If your neighbor or a family member is

unable to attend, you may bring their Republic Services bill and pick up their compost for them.

Compost Giveaway is brought to you by the City of Fremont, in partnership with Republic Services and the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station. For more information, contact Republic Services at 510-657-3500.

Hint: Arrive after 9:30 a.m. and avoid the lines.

Sabercat Historical Park

Sabercat Historical Park is a historically significant open space in Fremont that includes Sabercat Creek and walking paths. In 2012, the City completed a trail connection and added an ADA entrance at Quema Drive in order to improve pedestrian access. Five sections of Sabercat Creek were enhanced by planting native trees and shrubs, which provide critical creek and habitat restoration. These five sites are maintained by the City with help from volunteers, while other agencies provide care for additional restoration areas in the park.

With all the recent rains, the soil is moist and soft, perfect for removing invasive plants, planting new native trees and shrubs, and caring for previously-planted ones. Our work will help stabilize soils and creek banks, filter pollutants, increase native plant diversity, and improve food and shelter for wildlife.

Join us to enhance wildlife habitat along Sabercat Creek! We are holding volunteer work days on the first Saturday mornings of each month, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

No experience is necessary. All ages are welcome, but children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required.

Please visit www.Fremont.gov/SabercatRestoration. Click on the “Eventbrite” hyperlink to find the webpages for upcoming events. Sabercat Creek runs south of Washington Boulevard, and roughly parallel to it, with the park extending from a portion of Pine Street between Excelso Drive and Tonica Road all the way to the curve of Interstate 680. Keep in mind that the event will be canceled if there is heavy rain that day.

Come dressed for the weather and be prepared to get dirty (sturdy closed-toe shoes/boots, long pants, a hat, sunscreen, and a long-sleeved shirt is recommended). Bring a signed waiver form, a reusable water



bottle, and community service hours forms, if applicable. We’ll provide tools, some gloves, and water to refill bottles. If you wish to bring your own gloves or tools, please label them.

For more information or to arrange a large group work day, call the Environmental Services Division at 510-494-4570.



**Sabercat Historical Park
Restoration Sites**

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



Earth Day Fair

It's an Earth Day Party and everyone is invited! Bring your family, friends, and bicycles to celebrate Earth Day on **Saturday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Washington West Building located at 2500 Mowry Ave.** The event is FREE and fun for the entire family!

There will be children's arts and crafts, eco-entertainment, games, a bicycle rodeo, confidential paper shredding, educational booths, and a torchiere lamp exchange (limit is two per household). Ride your bicycle to the Earth Day Fair and use the free bicycle valet parking. Also, make sure to bring your bike for a free tune-up by one of our local bike shops!

Other highlights include a drop-off location for old eyeglasses, collection of sharps (must be in an approved sharps container), unused or unwanted medications, and the opportunity to exchange a hazardous mercury thermometer for a mercury-free thermometer at no charge.

In addition to all these activities, this is a great opportunity to meet with eco-friendly experts, learn about the Fremont Green Challenge to win the Georgetown University Energy Prize, a two-year national energy reduction competition with a \$5 million prize for the city that does the best job at reducing its energy usage. Let's go, Fremont!

The Earth Day event is brought to you by the City's Environmental Services Division and Washington Hospital. For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/EarthDay or call the Environmental Services Division at 510-494-4570. We hope to see you there!

Saddle Up at Fremont's Earth Day Fair

Bike East Bay will be providing a Family Cycling Rodeo at Fremont's Earth Day event. The rodeo will provide parents and children with fun and interactive lessons on road awareness and safety skills including:

- How to Do a Bicycle Safety Check
- Proper Helmet Fitting
- Proper Starting and Stopping
- Signaling and Communication
- Yielding Right of Way to Traffic and Pedestrians
- Riding on the Right
- Crossing Intersections
- Independent Decision Making
- Learn to Ride for Beginners

While bicycles and helmets will be provided for children, participating adults will need to bring their own. Come on down and join in on the fun!